MS VFC Vaccine Bulletin #2

May 31, 2002

<u>DTaP</u> - The MSDH DTaP vaccine supply problems have been improving over the past month. Based on the amount of DTaP vaccine we currently have in stock and information we have about future supply issues for DTaP, we no longer recommend deferral of the 4th and 5th doses of DTaP, effective June 3, 2002. Additionally, those children who had doses deferred, may now be recalled and vaccinated.

<u>DTaP/Hib</u> (TriHIBit) - This vaccine is available in the MSDH Pharmacy and can be used for the 4th dose of DTaP and the booster dose of Hib.

<u>Td</u> - The MSDH Td vaccine supply has improved. Deferrals are no longer necessary for adolescent and adult booster doses.

<u>Varicella Vaccine</u> - There continue to be back-orders for varicella vaccine. Our records indicate that orders have been filled up through April 10, 2002. Please continue to defer if you have no vaccine available.

<u>COMVAX</u> (Hep B-Hib) - This vaccine continues to be in short supply. The MSDH Pharmacy has been receiving some orders of COMVAX, but not enough to complete all orders. We have made sure that we placed larger orders for the single antigen HEP B and Hib Products. If you have depleted all your COMVAX inventory, please make sure you use the single antigen products.

<u>Prevnar</u> - There continue to be back-orders for Prevnar vaccine. The MSDH Pharmacy has no Prevnar vaccine available.

We will keep you informed of our supply of all vaccines. If you have questions, please contact the Immunization Program at 601-576-7751 or 1-800-634-9251.